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DATE: March 4, 2009

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM: A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
Manager, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT: Roman Meal Company -Peanut Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Peanut Recall; Due to *Salmonella typhimurium*; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled products were distributed in Indiana. Roman Meal *Whole Grain & Fruit Dark Chocolate Peanut Butter Snack Bars* were sold directly nationwide to consumers over the internet.

Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Roman Meal Company Initiates Nationwide Recall of Whole Grain & Fruit Dark Chocolate Peanut Butter Snack Bars Because of Possible Health Risk

Contact:
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- March 2, 2009 -- Roman Meal Company of Tacoma, Washington is recalling Roman Meal *Whole Grain & Fruit Dark Chocolate Peanut Butter Snack Bars*, because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. The product was manufactured using peanut products recalled by Peanut Corporation of America because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. The product contains peanut products manufactured at the Plainview, Texas facility of Peanut Corporation of America. *Salmonella* is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

Roman Meal *Whole Grain & Fruit Dark Chocolate Peanut Butter Snack Bars* were distributed at retail stores in Iowa and California. Also, bars were sold directly nationwide to consumers over the internet.

- Roman Meal *Whole Grain & Fruit Dark Chocolate Peanut Butter Snack Bars* are packaged in a plastic wrapper approximately 2 1/2" X 6". The predominant color of the package is brown. The net weight of the bar is 2 oz. The

affected lot code "Best Before 22JUN09A" is on the back of the wrapper, in the lower right corner. The UPC code is 41511 16002.

- A retail caddy contains 12 such bars in a paper display box. The color and graphics of the display caddy are identical to that of the 2 oz. bar wrapper. Internet purchasers typically received product in the display caddy. The affected lot code "Best Before 22JUN09A" is on the right side of the display caddy. The UPC code is 41511 16102.

The only lot code affected by this recall is "Best Before 22JUN09A". No Roman Meal Whole Grain & Fruit Snack Bar flavor, other than *Dark Chocolate Peanut Butter*, is affected by this recall.

There have been no reported illnesses associated with this product. Most certainly, the safety and health of Roman Meal consumers is of prime importance. Therefore, we are taking this action out of an abundance of caution for the well-being of our valued consumers.

Consumers should not consume Roman Meal *Whole Grain & Fruit Dark Chocolate Peanut Butter Snack Bars* with lot code "Best Before 22JUN09A". Consumers are urged to discard any product they have. Any consumer wishing a refund should return the product to the retail store from which it was purchased and request a full refund. Consumers who purchased this product over the internet should contact Roman Meal Company directly at 1-800-426-3600 for refund instructions. Any consumer with questions may contact Roman Meal Company at this same number. Hours of operation are 8:00AM – 5:00 PM Pacific Standard Time; Monday – Friday.

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Photo: Product Labels

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